

Frank Pozzo House, Outbuilding  
River Street Historic District  
68 N. River Street  
San Jose  
Santa Clara County  
California

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Location:

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San Jose, Santa Clara County, California  
UTM Coordinates: 10-597715-4132330

Significance:

The Frank Pozzo House Outbuilding, due to its architectural integrity and contribution to the urban fabric, forms an integral part of the River Street Historic District, a rare intact late nineteenth and early twentieth century working class neighborhood in San Jose.

Description:

The Frank Pozzo House Outbuilding is a one story, vaguely Italianate wood frame cottage clad in channel rustic siding which stands to the rear of 70 North River Street. The building features two over two wood sash double hung windows and a dominant hip roof. The original rectangular floor plan was modified with the addition of a shed roofed front bedroom and a reconstructed half porch with a shed roof and plain posts and railing. The original portion of the cottage contains a kitchen and a bedroom. Other additions include a living room/bedroom adjacent to the front half porch, a small kitchen and bathroom to the rear, and two exterior entry storage sheds. The cottage appears to date from around 1880, and thus, like many other outbuildings in the district, would pre-date the c. 1900 Queen Anne main house.

History:

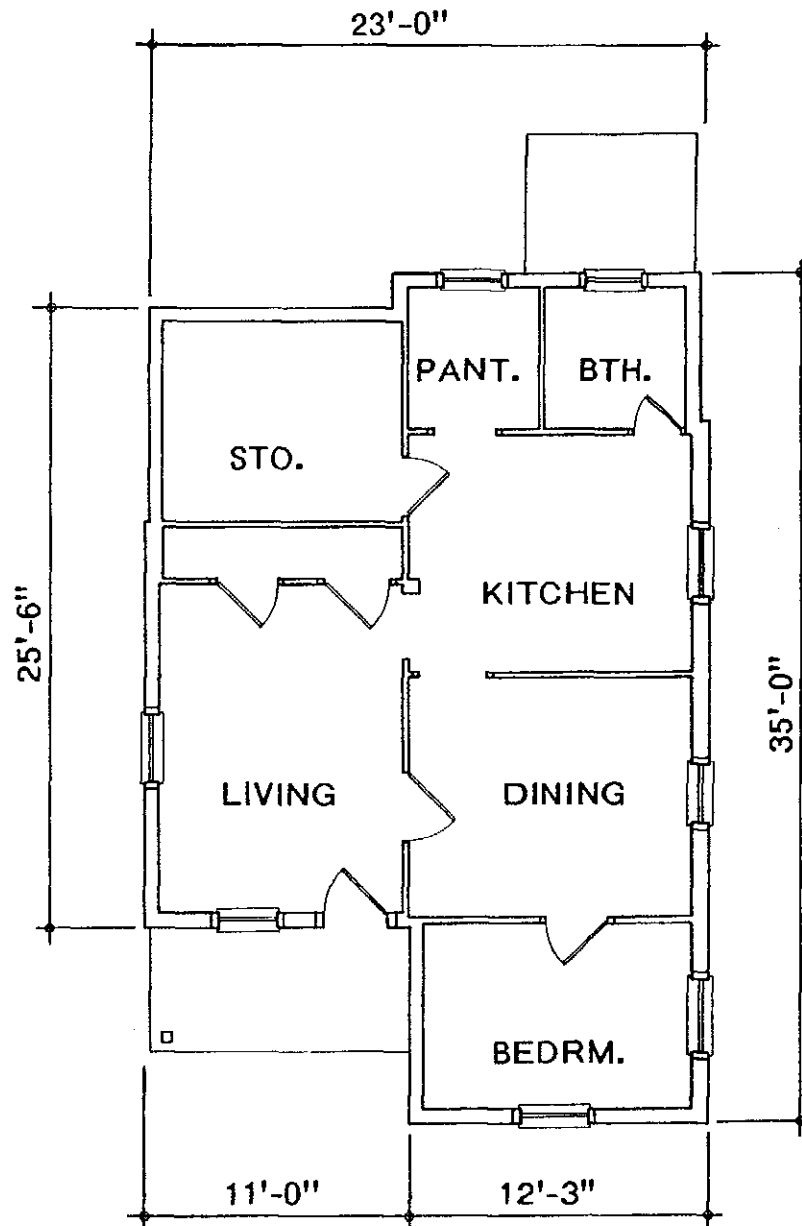
The main house, constructed around 1900, was the home of one of the pioneering Italian immigrants in this area of San Jose. Frank Pozzo, probably the original occupant of the building, arrived in San Jose sometime before 1870. He started as a bookkeeper at Campiglia's Fruit Store and later operated his own cigar store on Market Street. The cottage bears the separate address of 68 North River Street, which also suggests that it stood on the site prior to the construction of the main house. This cottage was occupied by Frank Pozzo's son (also named Frank Pozzo) from 1900 until his father's death around 1920. Frank Pozzo Jr. continued to live in this house through the late 1940s.

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Historian:

Hardlines: Design & Delineation  
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

1/8" = 1' - 0"